

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO COMMANDANT NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE// NWCAG//

SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3723

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NWC FOR COL EATON FROM CECIL

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MARR, SA

SUBJ: NWC VISAS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A. JIDDA 1552

B. NWCAG 131900 Z APR 73

C. STATE 73699#

1. ROYAL DIWAN RIYADH CABLED FOREIGN MINISTRY JIDDA WED MORNING, 18 APRIL, INFORMING THEM THAT APPROVAL TO ISSUE VISAS HAD BEEN GRANTED. UPON RECEIPT THIS INFO FONMIN WOULD THEN SEND CABLE TO SAUDI EMB WASHINGTON INSTRUCTING THEM ISSUE VISAS. WE ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE IN MINISTRY WHO CAN CONFIRM WHETHER CABLE HAS BEEN SENT WASH OR NOT. (SITUATION COMPLICATED BY FACT MINISTRY KEEPS NO DUTY OFFICER ON WEEKENDS.)

2. IF EMB CONTINUES TO REFUSE ISSUE VISAS PRIOR YOUR DEPARTURE, WE WILL REQUEST THAT SAUDI EMB IN ATHENS, TEHRAN OR NEW DELHI BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THEM.

3. FOR NEA/ ARP: REALIZE SAUDI EMB UNLIKELY TO BE MOVED TO ACTION WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM JIDDA, BUT PERHAPS YOU COULD POINT OUT TO SENIOR OFFICIAL THAT NWC HAS VISITED SAUDI ARABIA TWO YEARS RUNNING AND HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY KING AND SENIOR MINISTERS. WE ARE EXPECTING SIMILAR HIGH-UNCLASSIFIED

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LEVEL APPOINTMENTS THIS YEAR AND THUS FIND IT ANOMALOUS THAT ONLY APPARENT DIFFICULTY IS INABILITY OF SAUDI EMB TO ISSUE VISAS.

4. PERHAPS EMB COULD INFORM DEPT AS SOON AS AUTHORIZATION IS RECEIVED. IF EMB WOULD ARRANGE TO ISSUE VISAS ON SATURDAY, THIS TOO WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO PICKING UP VISAS EN ROUTE. WE WILL AGAIN GO TO FONMIN AT OPENING OF BUSINESS 21 APRIL TO REQUEST THAT AUTHORIZATION BE SENT AT ONCE TO WASHINGTON.

THACHER

NOTE BY OC/ T: # AS RECEIVED.

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